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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
LANSING

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STATE TREASURER

Dear Future Assessing Officer:

Thank you for your recent inquiry on becoming a certified assessor.

You may become certified by attending a course at a college or university in your area that offers the **STATE ASSESSORS BOARD COURSE**. Please be aware that there are assessing classes that do not meet state requirements.

You may study on your own from the Assessor's Training Manual (volumes 1-3 and chapter 20 from volume 4 for the level 1 assessor exam and all 4 volumes for the level 2 assessor exam).

When you feel that you are ready to challenge the exam, please contact this office to set up an appointment. The examination fee is \$50.

Upon passing the exam you will be required to complete a residential appraisal (for level 1) or a commercial appraisal (for level 2) and submit to the board with a \$50 application fee.

If the appraisal meets State Assessors Board approval you will be certified. If there are errors on the card it will be returned to you for corrections and re-submission.

The State Assessors Board offers a 2-week daytime class. The level 1 class is in November-December and the level 2 class is in May-June.

The examination procedure and order form for manuals are available on the Internet. Our Internet address is www.michigan.gov/treasury (go to Local Government then State Assessors Board).

Sincerely,

State Assessors Board

2006 STATE ASSESSORS BOARD EXAMINATION SCHEDULING

State Assessors Board examinations will be offered by appointment only in an examination booth located in the Lansing Office of the State Assessors Board on the 1st Floor of the Richard H. Austin Building (formerly Treasury Building), located at 430 W. Allegan Street in Lansing, Michigan. There is a parking lot available across the street. Be prepared to pay a parking fee. Go to http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9621_11008---,00.html for up-to-date construction information. The examination booth will be available on working days at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

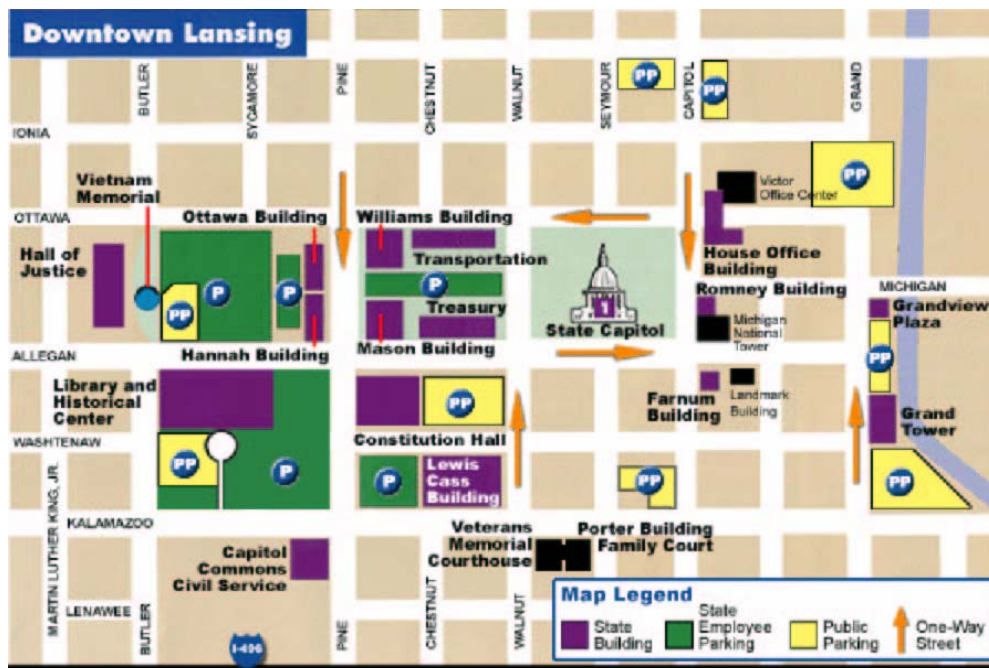
Examination settings may be scheduled by calling (517) 373-8320 during regular office hours. Regular office hours are 7:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Examination settings must be scheduled 30 days in advance of taking the examination. The \$50 examination fee is non-refundable. Payment must be received two weeks prior to the examination date or the examination setting will be cancelled.

Applicants may call the telephone number shown above to inquire about dates and times available for examination scheduling.

Time allowed for examinations is as follows:

Level 3 and Level 4 Home Study Examinations	2 Hours
Level 1 and Level 2 Examinations	3 Hours
State Tax Commission Personal Property Examination	3 Hours
Level 3 Comprehensive Examination	6 Hours

NO WALK-INS OR REGISTRATION BY MAIL.



State Assessors Board Home Study Courses Levels 1-4

INSTRUCTIONS: Home study courses are courses that you may take at home. Most programs are available in the Microsoft Word program and in hard copy provided in a 3-ring binder. When available, both versions will be sent to applicants. An individual taking a home study course may register with this office, pay the course fee, take the home study course, register for the examination for the course, pay the examination fee, and test for the course. Should the individual fail the examination, after 90 days the individual will be eligible to register to take another examination for the course.

Name		Total Payment Enclosed
Address (No., Street, PO Box or Rural Route)		Daytime Telephone Number
City or Town	State	ZIP Code

LEVEL 1 AND 2 HOME STUDY COURSES

State Assessors Board Course 1 is a 72-hour beginner's course that teaches the student how to become a level 1 assessor and prepares the student for the level 1 assessor certification examination. State Assessors Board Course 2 is a 72-hour course that teaches the student how to become a level 2 assessor and prepares the student for the level 2 assessor certification examination.

ENTER QUANTITY TO ORDER	COURSE	COURSE FEE
	State Assessors Board Course 1 (Required Text: Assessor's Training Manual - may be purchased using separate order form for \$180)	\$400.00 (This fee does not include Assessor's Training Manual)
	State Assessors Board Course 2 (Required Text: Assessor's Training Manual - may be purchased using separate order form for \$180)	\$400.00 (This fee does not include Assessor's Training Manual)
	Math for Assessors (No Exam)	\$25

LEVEL 3 HOME STUDY COURSES

Only course registrants will be eligible to take the examination. Individuals may submit their experience requirements prior to starting the home study courses to insure that they have met the 2-year experience requirement. It is not a requirement that the experience requirement be met before starting home study courses. It is, however, a requirement that the 2-year experience requirement be met before certification at level 3 may be granted. **All level 3 courses are \$300 each.**

ENTER QUANTITY TO ORDER	COURSE	ENTER QUANTITY TO ORDER	COURSE
	Appraisal Standards and Ethics		Narrative Appraisal (<i>Prerequisite: Basic Income Approach to Value</i>)
	Basic Income Approach to Value		Personal Property (Counts towards level 3 credit only)
	Communications		Property Appraisal Principles
	Computers		Property Tax Law
	Michigan Tax Tribunal Procedures		Statistics in Assessing

LEVEL 4 HOME STUDY COURSES

Only course registrants will be eligible to take the examination. Individuals may submit their experience requirements prior to starting the home study courses to insure that they have met the 3-year experience requirement. It is not a requirement that the experience requirement be met before starting home study courses. It is, however, a requirement that the 3-year experience requirement be met before certification at level 4 may be granted. **All level 4 courses are \$300 each.**

ENTER QUANTITY TO ORDER	COURSE	ENTER QUANTITY TO ORDER	COURSE
	Advanced Income Approach to Value		Management
	Appraisal Standards and Ethics		Statistics in Assessing

Complete this form and mail with payment to the address below. Make checks payable to "State of Michigan" and write the index number "04206" on your check. **Please allow 3 weeks for delivery. THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY PAYMENT.**

Michigan Department of Treasury
State Assessors Board
Lansing, MI 48922

Assessor's Training Manual Order Form

The training manual contains over 1,700 pages of information essential to the assessor in the areas listed below. This form is for ordering the paper version of the manual only. An Assessor's Training Manual CD is now available, containing the entire manual in an easy-to-use format for only \$20. To order the CD version, complete Form 4162.

INSTRUCTIONS: Each volume of the printed manual costs \$45; the entire manual costs \$180. These prices include shipping and handling. To order your copy of the printed Assessor's Training Manual, or any individual volumes, complete this form and mail with payment to the address below. Make checks payable to "State of Michigan" and write the index number "04307" on your check. **Please allow 3 to 5 weeks for delivery. THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY PAYMENT.**

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VOLUME 1

Chapter 1: Local Government Finance/Property Taxation
Chapter 2: Property Tax Law/Tax Calendar
Chapter 3: Valuation Concepts
Chapter 4: Assessment Administration/Public Relations
Chapter 5: Equalization
Chapter 6: Real Property Descriptions
Chapter 7: Vacant Land Valuation

VOLUME 2

Chapter 8: Taxable Value
Chapter 9: Cost Approach
Chapter 10: Farm Property
Chapter 11: Forest/Timberlands
Chapter 12: Personal Property
Chapter 13: Special Assessments

VOLUME 3

Chapter 14: Board of Review
Chapter 15: Required Reports
Chapter 16: Mass Appraisal/Computer
Chapter 17: SAB/MTT/STC/SBA

VOLUME 4

Chapter 18: Commercial Property
Chapter 19: Industrial Property
Chapter 20: Sales Comparison Approach
Chapter 21: Income Approach

Volume 1, Number of Copies at \$45 each	Volume 2, Number of Copies at \$45 each	Volume 3, Number of Copies at \$45 each	Volume 4, Number of Copies at \$45 each
Name			Total Payment Enclosed
Address (No., Street or Rural Route). These manuals are delivered via UPS--no deliveries will be made to PO Boxes.			Daytime Telephone Number
City or Town		State	ZIP Code

Assessor's Training Manual Updates Only Order Form

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to order updates to the Assessor's Training Manual for those who already have purchased volumes prior to the dates listed below. Updates are only available in paper format. If you'd like to order a copy of the current Assessor's Training Manual, complete Form 4165 for a paper version or Form 4162 for a CD version.

Each update costs \$20 (including shipping and handling). To order your updates to the Assessor's Training Manual, complete this form and mail with payment to the address below. Make checks payable to "State of Michigan" and write the index number "04206" on your check. **Please allow 3 weeks for delivery. THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY PAYMENT.**

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VOLUME 1 UPDATES: For Volume 1 purchased before October 1, 2002 (Bottom left of revised pages will read, "Revised 07/02")

VOLUME 2 UPDATES: For Volume 2 purchased before February 1, 2003 (Bottom left of revised pages will read, "Revised 09/02")

VOLUME 3 UPDATES: For Volume 3 purchased before September 1, 2003 (Bottom left of revised pages will read, "Revised 05/03")

VOLUME 4 UPDATES: For Volume 4 purchased before February 1, 2004 (Bottom left of revised pages will read, "Revised 08/03")

Vol. 1 Updates, No. of Copies at \$20 each	Vol. 2 Updates, No. of Copies at \$20 each	Vol. 3 Updates, No. of Copies at \$20 each	Vol. 4 Updates, No. of Copies at \$20 each
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Assessor's Training Manual CD Order Form

INSTRUCTIONS: Each CD-ROM contains the entire manual in an easy-to-access format at a cost of \$20; this price includes shipping and handling. To order your copy of the Assessor's Training Manual on CD, complete this form and mail with payment to the address below. Make checks payable to "State of Michigan" and write the index number "04206" on your check. **Please allow 3 weeks for delivery. THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY PAYMENT.**

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